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PREFACE

This series presents a study of Islam in an attractive, comprehensive way. Islamic studies must enable the student to view Islam in all its aspects and accept it as a way of life; and that is what this series does. Through it, he observes the impact of Islam on life as a whole and does not confine it to just a limited study of Islamic jurisprudence.

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It not only presents the do's and dont's but also refines the habits and manners, creating a rich and endearing personality. It is an invaluable teaching-aid for teachers and parents too. The success of this book depends considerably on the teacher's ability to discuss in depth each concept with the student and ensure that he not only understands but also accepts and implements it. The process of learning includes knowing, understanding, accepting and doing or implementing a concept. The spirit and message of each new fact must permeate the student's personality and form her/his attitude and must also go into her/his daily life by turning that concept into action. The teacher must, through his follow-up interaction, insist on this to draw the maximum benefit from the book. She must turn each lesson into an informal, heart-to-heart talk, appealing to the conscience and avoiding a formal question-answer session.

A sure key to success, this series, in a graded form and in the student's own vocabulary, is a complete course in grooming and etiquette.

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1. MY FIRST LETTER



Dear Children,

Assalamu alaikum

This is the first letter in your life. Read it carefully. If you do so, you will enjoy reading this book.

Children, we live in a beautiful world. The sky is beautiful. The flowers and fields are beautiful. The mountains

and birds are lovely. The toys and chocolates are so good. Allah made all these beautiful things for sweet children like you.

Must we thank Allah for giving us such beautiful things? Yes, we must thank Allah. How will we thank Allah? I think, we can thank Allah by living in a way Allah wants us to live. How do we know the way Allah wants us to live? That is easy. Allah gave us Islam. And Islam is a way of life.

Dear children, do you want to know more about this beautiful way of living? Then, read this book. You will be happy to read it. I will tell you something very nice in my second letter in your next book.

Wassalaam,

Yours lovingly,

Aunt Ayesha

Aunt Ayesha

N.B: Don't forget to write a nice reply to Aunt Ayesha in your fair book.

2. READ THESE WORDS

IMAN

AAMAAL

KUFR

JAHANNAM

TAQWA

JANNAT

TAHARAH

WUDU

TAKBIR

AZAN

QURAN

TILAWAT

AKHIRAH

MALAIKAH

3. WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN?

<i>IMAN</i>	MEANS	FAITH
<i>KUFR</i>	MEANS	REFUSAL OF TRUTH
<i>AAMAAL</i>	MEANS	DEEDS
<i>MALAIKAH</i>	MEANS	ANGELS
<i>AKHIRAH</i>	MEANS	DAY OF JUDGEMENT
<i>JANNAT</i>	MEANS	HEAVEN
<i>JAHANNAM</i>	MEANS	HELL
<i>WUDU</i>	MEANS	ABLUTION
<i>TAHARAH</i>	MEANS	PURIFICATION
<i>AZAN</i>	MEANS	CALL TO PRAYER
<i>TAKBIR</i>	MEANS	TO SAY “ <i>ALLAHU AKBAR</i> ”
<i>TILAWAT</i>	MEANS	TO RECITE THE QURAN
<i>QURAN</i>	MEANS	THE BOOK OF ALLAH
<i>TAQWA</i>	MEANS	TO FEAR AND OBEY ALLAH

الله

ALLAH

Who is Allah?

Allah is the One and Only God.

He is our Creator.

He is our Master.

إِسْلَام

ISLAM

What is Islam?

Islam is a way of life.

Islam means peace and obedience to Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.)

مُسْلِم

MUSLIM

Who is a Muslim?

One who obeys Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.) is a Muslim.

الرَّسُول

PROPHET

Who is a prophet?

A prophet is a Messenger of Allah.

He is a teacher and a guide.

Who was the last prophet?

The last prophet was Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.)



الْقُرْآن

QURAN

What is the Quran?

The Quran is a book of guidance from Allah.

4. THE PILLARS OF ISLAM



THERE ARE 5 PILLARS OF ISLAM

Can you name them?

Here is a poem. It will give you the names of the 5 pillars.

P for pillars
We adore
Salat, Zakat
Heaven's door

Saum and Haj
Three and four
They are virtues
All the more
And the one
That is the core
Is faith in Him
For you to soar.

So, the five pillars of Islam are:

1. ***Shahadah***: It means declaration of faith. A Muslim declares his faith. He says: *Ash-hadu-al-la-ilaha-illallahu wahdahu la Sharika lahu Wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan Abduhu wa Rasuluhu.*

This means:

“I declare that there is no God but Allah. He is One and has no partner. And I also declare that Muhammad is His servant and His Messenger.”

2. ***Salat*** : It means prayer (5 prayers daily).
3. ***Zakat*** : It means poor-due.
4. ***Saum*** : It means fasting during Ramadan.
5. ***Haj*** : It means pilgrimage to Makkah.

QUESTION : Give the meanings of the 5 pillars of Islam.

NOTE : The teacher must explain each of the above tenets.

5. *IMAN*

What is *Iman*?

Iman means faith.

Iman means to accept the truth and obey Allah.

The articles or pillars of *Iman* are:

1. Belief in ALLAH
2. Belief in the ANGELS
3. Belief in the revealed BOOKS
4. Belief in the PROPHETS.
5. Belief in the DAY OF JUDGEMENT
6. Belief in DESTINY
7. Belief in LIFE AFTER DEATH

Match the following:

1.	Allah	Book of Allah
2.	Quran	Angel
3.	Gibrael	One

QUESTIONS:

1. What is *Iman*?
2. Name the pillars of *Iman*.

ایمان مجمل

(*Iman-e-Mujmal*) Concise belief

آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ بِأَسْمَائِهِ وَصِفَاتِهِ وَقَبِلْتُ جَمِيعَ أَحْكَامِهِ

*Amanto billahe kama
howa be asma ihi wa
sifati hi wa qabilto
jami'a ahkamih.*

I have brought faith in Allah, as He is with His names and His Qualities and I have accepted all his commandments.

ایمان مفصل

(*Iman-e-Mufassal*) Detailed belief

آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْقَدْرِ
خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَالْبَعْثِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ

*Amanto bil lahe wa
Malaikatehi wa Kutubehi
wa Rusulehi Wal-yaumil-
akhire wal-qadre
khairehi wa sharrehi
minallahe
ta'ala wal ba se
badal maut.*

I have brought faith in Allah, his Angels, His Books, and His Messengers, and the Last Day, and in the Measure, the good of it and the evil of it from Allah, the Most High, and in raising after death.

QUESTION : Recite the *Iman-e-Mujmal* and *Iman-e-Mufassal*.

6. ALLAH



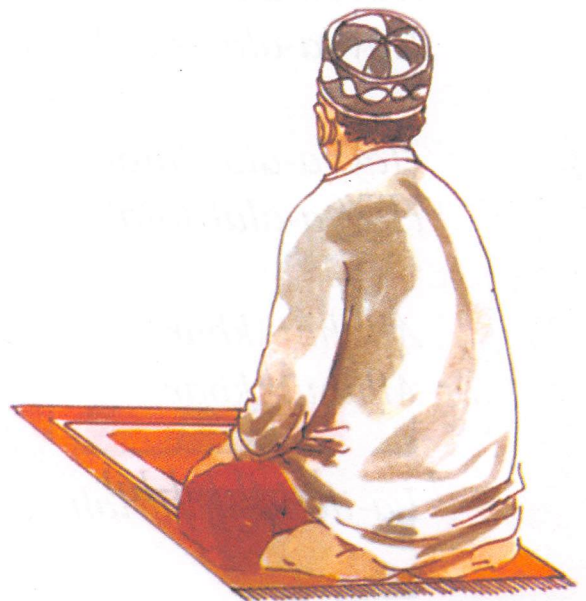
ALLAH IS ONE



WE MUST PRAY
TO ALLAH



ALLAH MADE
EVERYTHING



WE MUST WORSHIP
ALLAH ONLY

QUESTION : What do you know about Allah?

7. AZAN

Azan is the call to prayer.

Allahu Akbar
Allahu Akbar

Allah is Great.

Ash-hadu-al-la-ilaha-il-lal-lah I testify that there is no
Ash-hadu-al-la-ilaha-il-lal-lah God but Allah.

Ash-hadu-anna Muhammad-
ar rasoolullah I testify that Muhammed
Ash-hadu-anna Muhammad-
ar rasoolullah (S.A.W.) is Prophet
of Allah.

Hayya-alas-salah
Hayya-alas-salah

Come towards prayer.

Hayya-alal-falah
Hayya-alal-falah

Come towards success.

Allahu Akbar
Allahu Akbar

Allah is Great.

La-ilaha-il-lal-lah

There is no God but Allah.

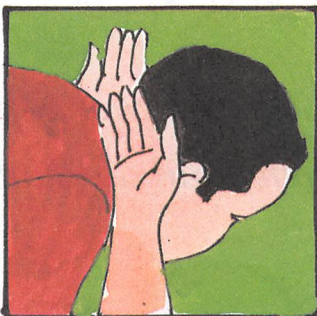
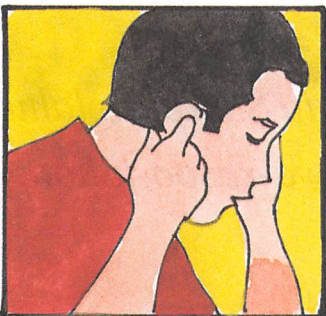
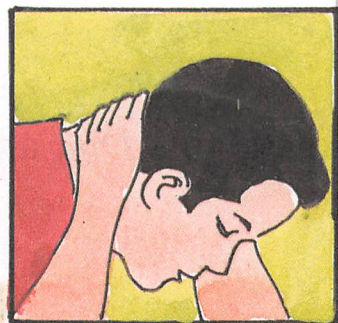
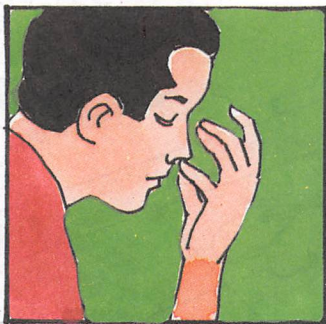
QUESTIONS:

1. Recite the Azan.
2. To what does the Azan call you?

ANSWER: The Azan calls me towards prayer and success.

8. ABLUTION

ABLUTION means to wash and purify ourselves. See how Ahmad does the ablution or *Wudu*.





We say this *Dua* after finishing the *Wudu*:

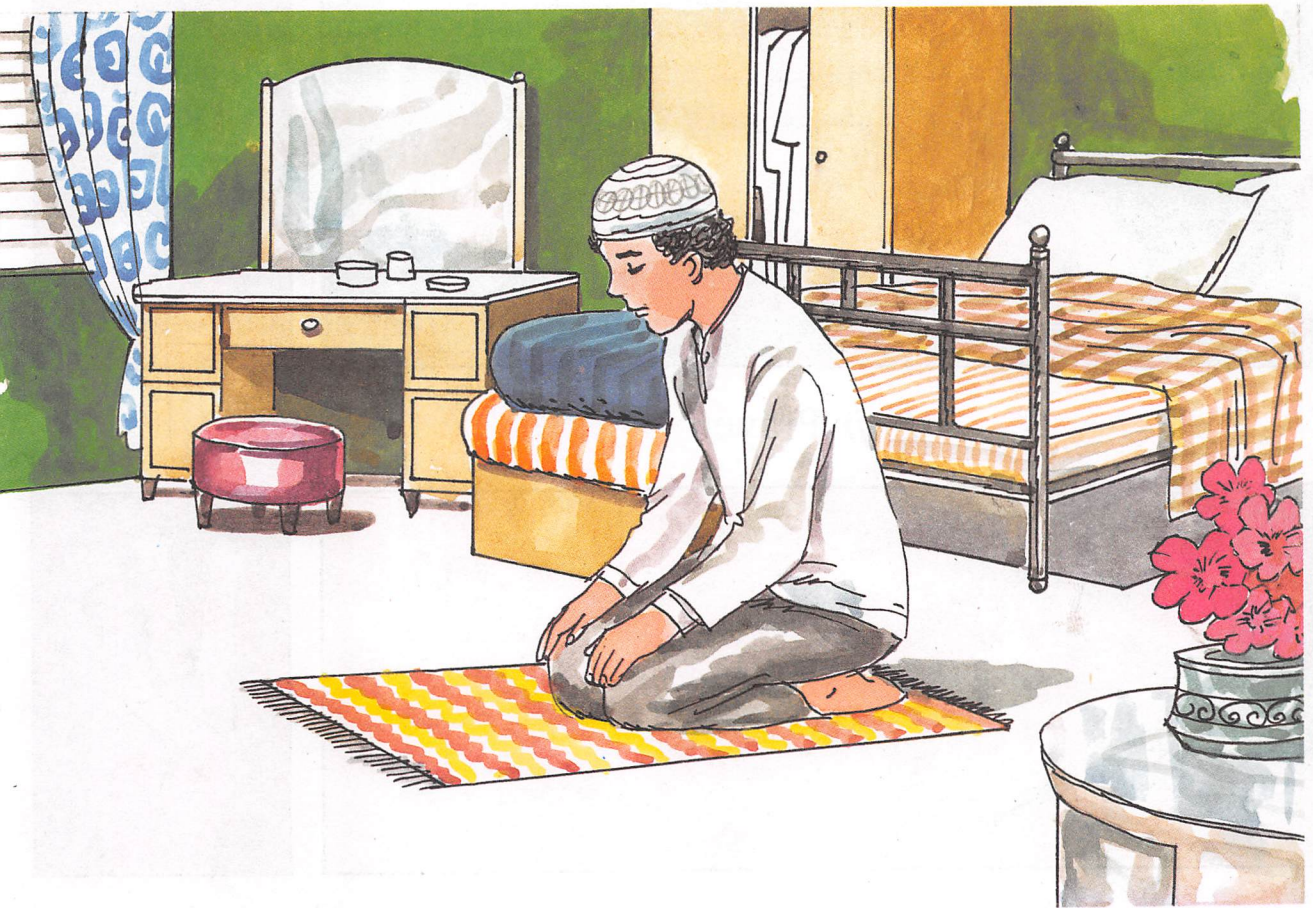
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

*Ash-hadu-al-la-ilaha illallahu wahadhu la Shareeka lahu wa
ash hadu-anna Muhammadan ab-duhu wa-rasoo-luhoo.*

QUESTION : Why do we do ablution or *Wudu*?

ANSWER : We do *Wudu* to purify ourselves.

9. SALAT



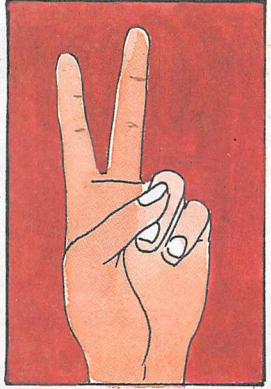
Salat means to pray. A Muslim prays 5 times everyday. Prayer gives us peace. The *Fajr* prayer is offered at dawn. The *Zuhr* prayer is offered in the afternoon. The *Asr* prayer is offered in the late afternoon. The *Maghrib* prayer is offered at sunset. The *Isha* prayer is offered at night.

NOTE: The teacher must give a practical demonstration of the method of prayer and explain the times of prayers through illustration.

How many *Fard rakat* are there in every prayer?



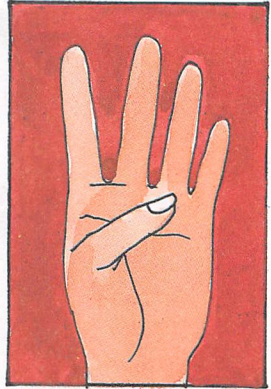
Fajr Prayer



2 rakat



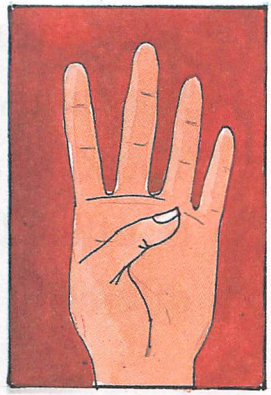
Zuhr Prayer



4 rakat



Asr Prayer



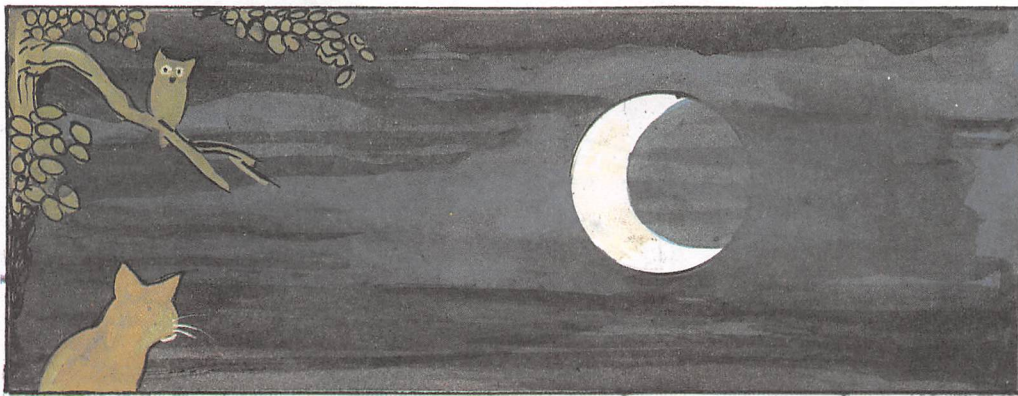
4 rakat



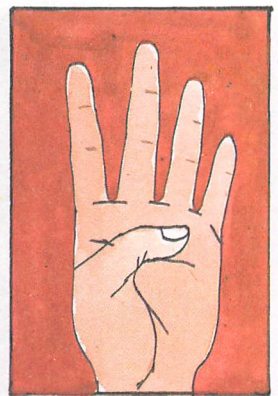
Maghrib Prayer



3 rakat



Isha Prayer



4 rakat

We should start praying when we are seven years old.

QUESTION : What does prayer give us?

ANSWER : Prayer gives us peace.

QUESTION : Give the time of each prayer.

ANSWER : The *Fajr* prayer is offered at dawn.

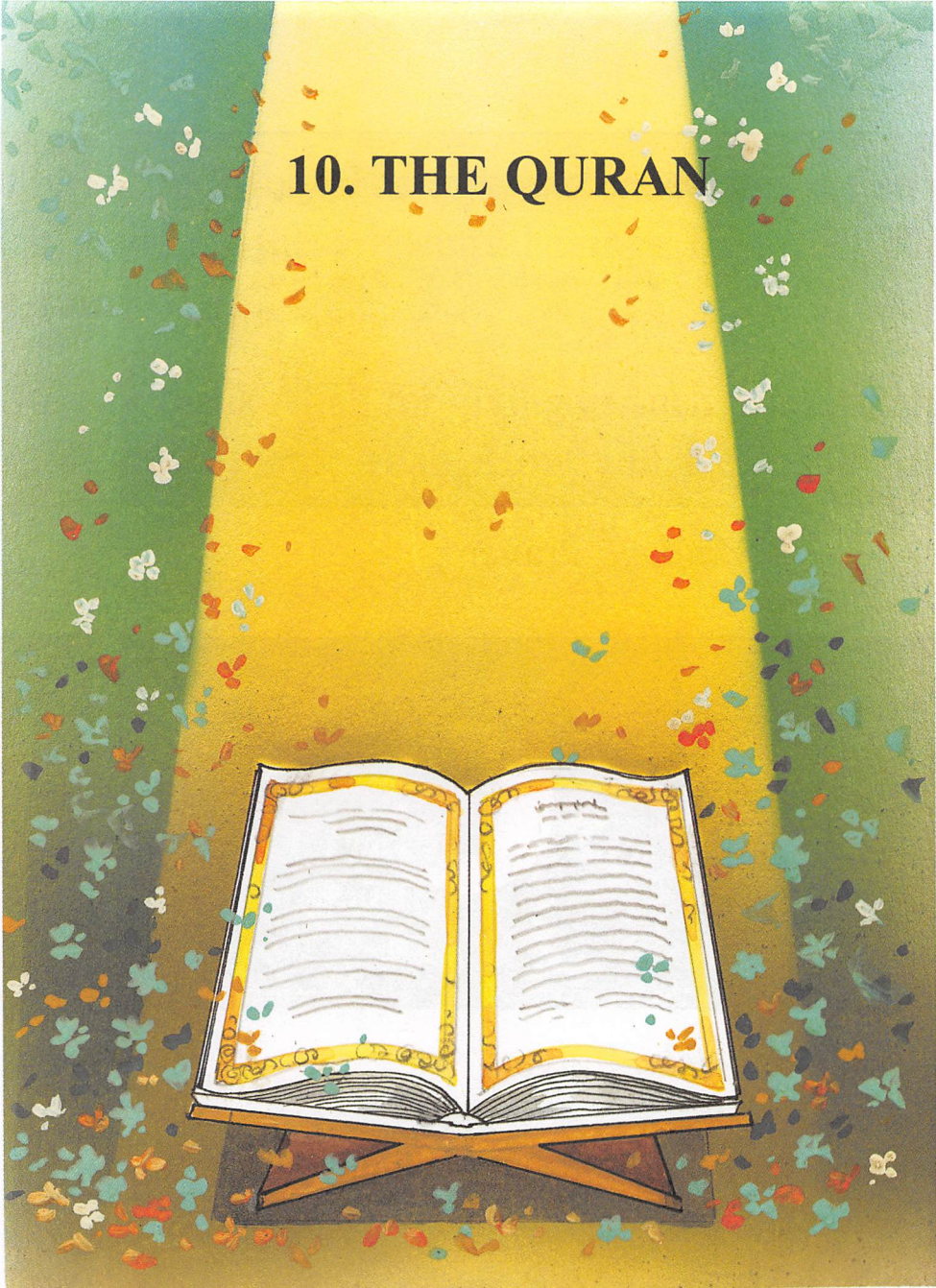
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The *Maghrib* prayer is offered at sunset.

The *Isha* prayer is offered at night.

10. THE QURAN



The Quran is a book of guidance.

It was revealed by Allah.

It was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.)

The Quran is for everyone.

We must read the Quran everyday.

We must do whatever the Quran tells us to do.

The Quran brings peace and happiness for everyone.

QUESTION : What kind of a book is the Quran?

ANSWER : The Quran is a book of guidance.

11. WE MUST BE GOOD

We must do good deeds.

We must obey Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.).

We must be good.

We must pray.

We must be honest.

We must live as the Quran tells us to live.



Good deeds are collected in a white box.

The white box is clean.

Bad deeds are collected in a black box.

The black box is dirty.

Every act is like a coin.

Make it good and put it in the white box.

Do not make it bad.

Do not put it in a black box.

FILL THE WHITE BOX with good deeds.

QUESTION : How can we be good?

ANSWER : We can be good by doing good deeds.

12. THE *KALIMAH*

The *Kalimah* or *Shahadah* is an article of faith.

It is a *Shahadah* or declaration of faith.

A Muslim recites the *Kalimah*.

He acts upon it every day of his life.

There is only one *Kalimah* (the first *Kalimah*). It is to declare that there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is Allah's messenger. The other 4 *Kalimahs* are based on *ahadees*. They help us to understand our faith better.

The First *Kalimah*

كَلِمَةُ طَيِّبٍ

(*Kalimah Taiyyaba*) Declaration of Faith in Islam

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

La ilaha-il-lal-lahu
Muhammadur-
Rasool-ul-lah:

There is no God except Allah,
Muhammad is the Messenger
of Allah.

The Second *Kalimah*

كَلِمَةُ شَهَادَاتٍ

(*Kalimah Shahadat*) Declaration of submission of evidence.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Ash-hado al Lailaha
il-lal-laho-Wah-dahu la
Sharika lahu wa
ash-hado anna
Mohammedan abdohu
wa rasoolohu.

I bear Witness that there
is no God except Allah. He is
alone and has no partners and
I bear witness that
Muhammad is His servant and
His Messenger.

The Third Kalimah

كَلِمَةُ تَمْجِيدٍ

(Kalimah Tamjeed) Declaration of the Glory of Allah.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

*Subhanal-lahe wal-hamdo-
lil-lahe wa la-ilaha
il-lal-laho wal-laho akbar;
wala haula wala quwwata
illa billa-hil-aliy-yil-azim.*

Glory be to Allah and
Praise be to Allah! and there
is no God except Allah, and
Allah is the Greatest and
there is no power and no
might except that what
comes from Allah.

The Fourth Kalimah

كَلِمَةُ تَوْحِيدٍ

(Kalimah Tauheed) Declaration of the Oneness of Allah.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ. لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ
يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

*La-ilaha il-lal-lahu
wah-dahu la sharika
lahu, lahul-mulku
wa-lahul-hamdu, yohyi
wa yomeetu, be
yade-hil-khair wa howa
'ala kulle shae-in-Qadeer.*

There is no god except Allah,
He is alone and has no
partners. Unto Him belongs
the Kingdom, and unto Him is
due all praise. He grants life
and causes death. In His Hand
lies the good. And He has
power over all things.

The Fifth *Kalimah*

Rejection of Atheism and Idolatory.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ شَيْئًا وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ
بِهِ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ بِهِ تُبْتُ عَنْهُ وَتَبَرَّاتُ مِنَ الْكُفْرِ
وَالشُّرْكِ وَالْمَعَاصِي كُلِّهَا اسْلَمْتُ وَأَمَنْتُ وَأَقُولُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

*Allhaumma inni a'uzo
beka min an ushreka beka
shaian wa-ana 'alamo
behi, wa astagh-firoka
lima la alamo behi; tubto
'anho wa tabarrato
minal-kufre washshirke
wal-ma'asi kulleha
aslamto, wa amanto wa
aqoolo La ilaha il-lal-laho
Mohammadur-Rasoolullah.*

'O' Allah, I verily seek
your protection lest I
join anything as partners
with you while I know of it;
I turn away from it and I am
innocent of disbelief
and joining partners
with You, and all wrong
doings. I surrender to your
will, and I have brought faith;
and I also declare that there is
no God except Allah,
Muhammad is the Messenger
of Allah.

QUESTIONS:

1. Which is the one and only *Kalimah* (Shahadah)?
2. Recite the other 4 *Kalimahs*.
3. How do the other 4 *Kalimahs* help us?

ANSWER : They help us understand our faith better.

13. SALAT-ALA-NABI

Allah and the angels say *Salawat (Durood)* for the Prophet (S.A.W.). *Salawat* means to pray to Allah to shower blessings on the Prophet (S.A.W.). We must also say *Salawat* for the Prophet (S.A.W.).

Salawat:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

*Allahuma Salle ala Muhammadin wa-ala-aale Muhammadin-
Kama-Sallaiyta ala-Ibraheema wa-ala-aale Ibraheema-innaka-
hameedum-majeed.*

This means:

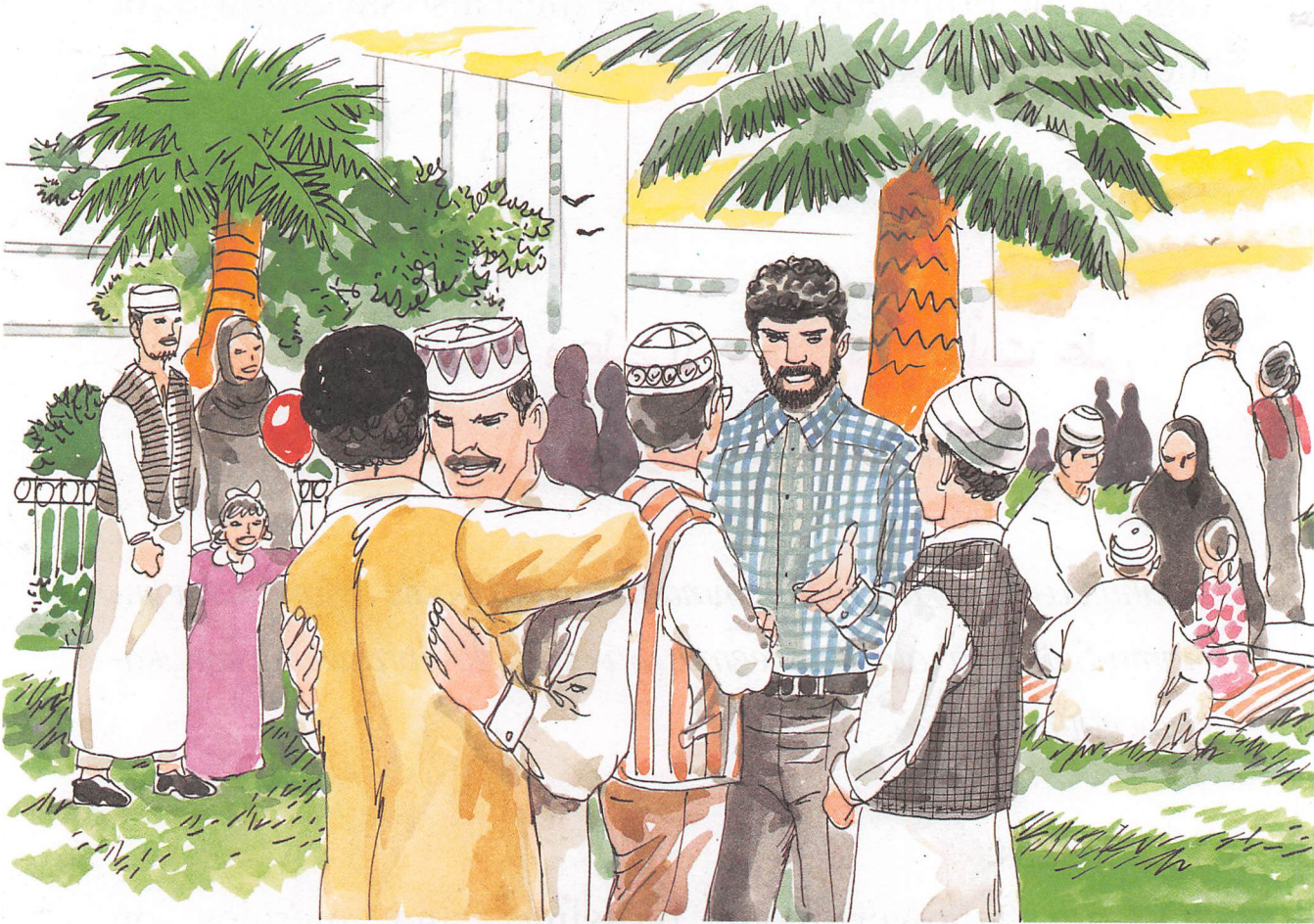
“O’Lord, shower your blessings and mercies on Muhammad and on Muhammad’s children just as you showered your blessings and mercies on Ibrahim and on Ibrahim’s children. Without doubt, you are the Praised and the Wise.”

QUESTION : Recite the Durood or Salat-ala-nabi.

14. EID

Muslims have two festivals.

They are *Eid-ul-Fitr* and *Eid-ul-Adha*.



Muslims fast in the month of Ramadan.

At the end of Ramadan, we celebrate *Eid-ul-Fitr*.

Why do we celebrate *Eid-ul-Fitr*?

We celebrate *Eid-ul-Fitr* to say “Thank You” to Allah for giving us the Quran.

Eid-ul-Adha is the Second Eid.

Why do we celebrate *Eid-ul-Adha*?

We celebrate *Eid-ul-Adha* to remember the sacrifice of Prophet Ibraheem (A.S.) and his son Prophet Ismail (A.S.).

What was that sacrifice?



Prophet Ibraheem (A.S.) was willing to sacrifice his son Ismail (A.S.) on Allah's orders. Prophet Ismail (A.S.) was saved by Allah.

We sacrifice animals on *Eid-ul-Adha* to remember that sacrifice. Those who go for *Hajj* sacrifice the animals near Makkah.

QUESTION : Why do we celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr? Why do we celebrate Eid-ul-Adha?

15. THE MONTHS

There are 12 months. Their names in the Islamic calendar are:

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| 1. <i>Muharram</i> | ١ - مُحَرَّم |
| 2. <i>Safar</i> | ٢ - صَفَر |
| 3. <i>Rabi-ul-Awwal</i> | ٣ - رَبِيعُ الْأَوَّل |
| 4. <i>Rabi-us-Sani</i> | ٤ - رَبِيعُ الثَّانِي |
| 5. <i>Jamadi-ul-Awwal</i> | ٥ - جُمَادِي الْأَوَّل |
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| 7. <i>Rajab</i> | ٧ - رَجَب |
| 8. <i>Shaban</i> | ٨ - شَعْبَانَ |
| 9. <i>Ramadan</i> | ٩ - رَمَضَانَ |
| 10. <i>Shawwal</i> | ١٠ - شَوَّال |
| 11. <i>Zil-Qad</i> | ١١ - ذُو الْقَعْدَةِ |
| 12. <i>Zil-Haj</i> | ١٢ - ذُو الْحِجَّةِ |



QUESTION : Name the 12 months in order.

16. THE PROPHETS OF ALLAH

Allah sent good men to guide us.

These good men were the prophets of Allah.

They were noble and ideal people.

The first prophet was Prophet Adam (A.S.).

The last prophet was Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

Some of the prophets were:

1. Prophet Adam (A.S.).
2. Prophet Nooh (A.S.).
3. Prophet Ibraheem (A.S.).
4. Prophet Ishaq (A.S.).
5. Prophet Ismail (A.S.).
6. Prophet Yaqub (A.S.).
7. Prophet Yusuf (A.S.).
8. Prophet Dawood (A.S.).
9. Prophet Sulaiman (A.S.).
10. Prophet Moosa (A.S.).
11. Prophet Eesa (A.S.).
12. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

All the prophets said that we must worship and obey the ONE and ONLY ALLAH. All the prophets were human beings and servants of Allah. A prophet cannot be a god. A prophet is a messenger of Allah.

QUESTION : Name some Prophets. Did all Prophets bring the same message from Allah?

17. BOOKS OF ALLAH

Allah sent books to guide us.

Allah sent these books of guidance through the prophets.

The Quran was given to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).



The *Sahifa* was given to Prophet Ibraheem (A.S.).

The *Zaboor* was given to Prophet Dawood (A.S.).

The *Taurah* was given to Prophet Moosa (A.S.).

The *Injeel* was given to Prophet Eesa (A.S.).

Some books were lost. Some books were changed by the people.

The Quran was given to the last Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.). It is preserved. It has not been changed. So we follow the Quran only.

QUESTION : Why do we follow the Quran and not the other books?

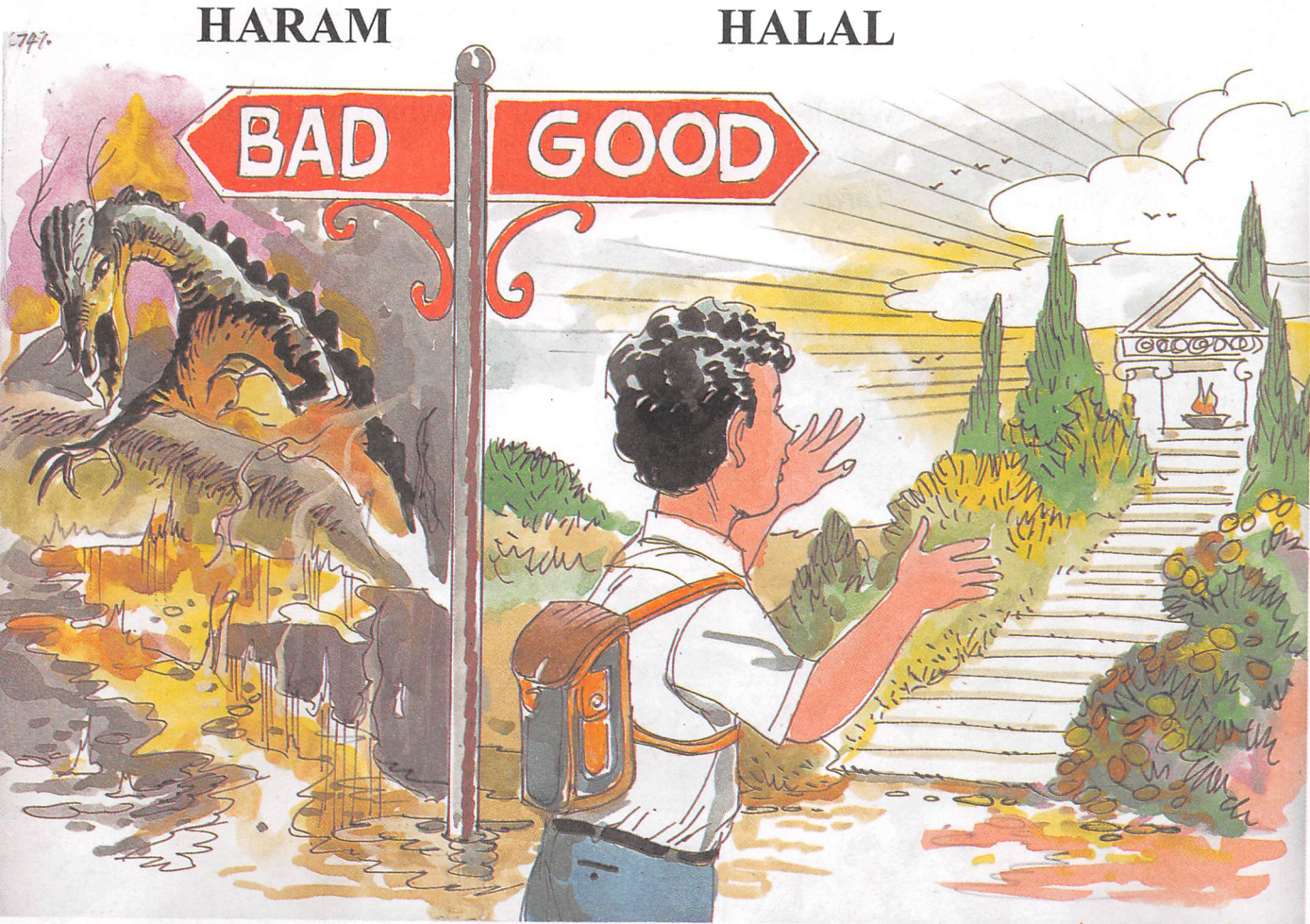
ANSWER : We follow the Quran because it is not changed. The other books are changed or lost.

18. THE TWO ROADS

Allah has allowed us to use and do everything good. These are called *Halal* things or *Halal* acts.

Allah has stopped us from doing or using some bad things. These are called *Haram* things.

We must do *Halal* work only. It will make us happy.



There are two roads.

GOOD and BAD

The good road is the *Halal* road.

It takes us to heaven.

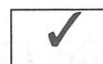
Heaven is a good place.

The bad road is the *Haram* road. It takes us to Hell.

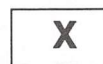
Hell is a bad place.

Walk on the good road.

HALAL



HARAM



QUESTION

Which road takes us to hell and which road takes us to heaven?

ANSWER

Haram road takes us to hell and *halal* road takes us to heaven.

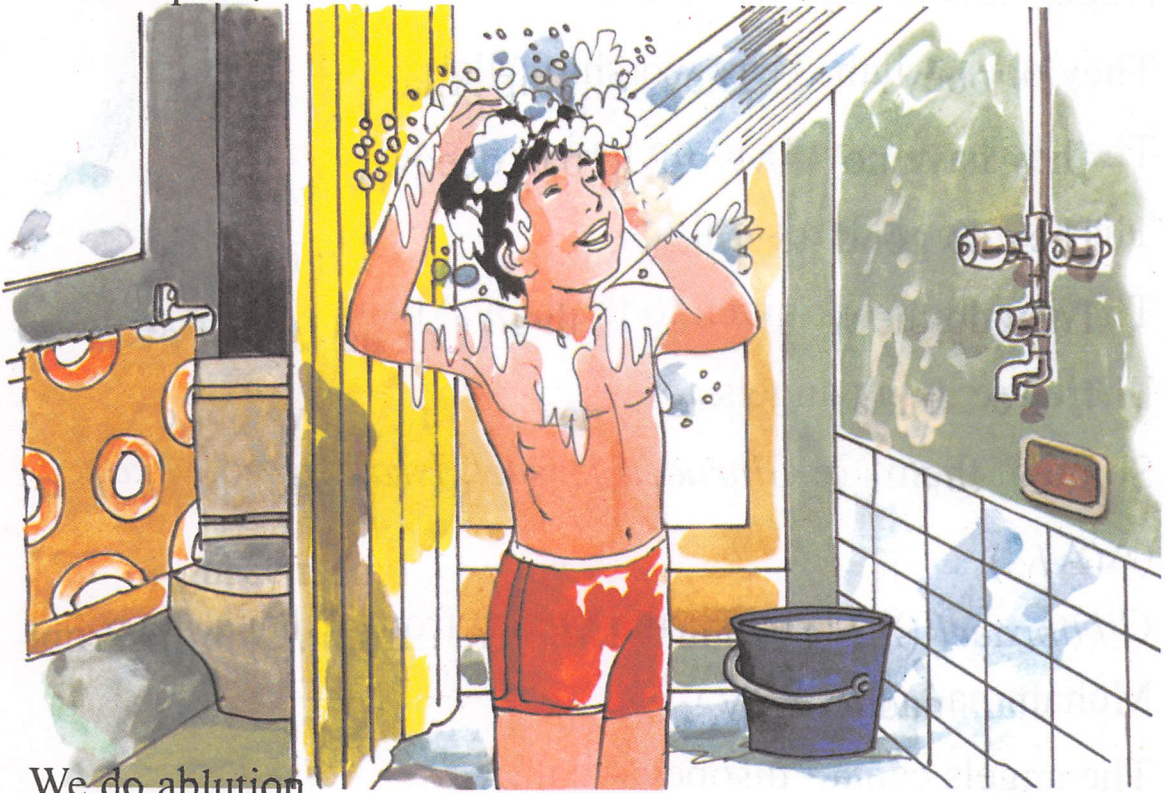


19. TAHARAH

Taharah means purification.

When we take a bath, we become clean.

We are pure.



We do ablution.

Our clothes are clean.

We wash the clothes if they get dirty.

We keep the house clean and pure.

Blood is dirty.

We remove it from food by cutting the animals in the *Halal* way.

We keep our thoughts clean.

Our hearts are also clean and pure.

Taharah or purification is very important.

Without *Taharah*, we cannot pray.

Without *Taharah*, we cannot be good Muslims.

QUESTION : How can we observe *Taharah* and be clean?

ANSWER : We can be clean by keeping our body, thoughts and heart clean.

QUESTION : Can we be good Muslims without *Taharah*?

ANSWER : No.

20. THE ANGELS

Allah made the angels.

Angels are servants of Allah.

They obey Allah. They worship Allah.

They have no power to do bad deeds.

They do good deeds only.

They do the work given to them by Allah.

There are many angels.

Some of them are *Gibraeel*, *Izraeel*, *Israfeel* and *Mikaaeel* (A.S.).

Gibraeel (A.S.) brought the Quran from Allah to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

The angels cannot disobey Allah.

When Allah ordered them to bow to Adam, they obeyed.

Only Satan did not obey.

Angels

Gibraeel

Izraeel

Israfeel

Mikaaeel

Satan is not an angel.

He is a genie. A genie can be good or bad.

Satan is a bad genie because he disobeyed Allah.

He tries to make us do bad deeds.

Satan is our enemy. We must not follow him.

If we follow Satan, we will go to hell.

Hell is a very bad place. It is full of fire.

We must follow Allah and Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

If we do so, we will go to heaven.

Heaven is a wonderful place.

It is full of gardens and streams.

Angels cannot be bad.

They are good servants of Allah.

They write down our actions in a book.

All angels do different duties.

QUESTION : Who are angels?

ANSWER : Angels are servants of Allah.

QUESTION : Name some angels.

ANSWER : Find the answer.

QUESTION : Is Satan an angel or geni?

ANSWER : Satan is a geni.

21. THE PROPHET (S.A.W.)

There was a good little boy in Hejaz.

He grew up into a fine young man.

People called him *Ameen* (honest) and *Sadiq* (truthful).

At a young age, he went with his uncle Abu Talib on trade trips.

Once, he went to Syria when he was a boy.

A priest called Buhaira saw him.

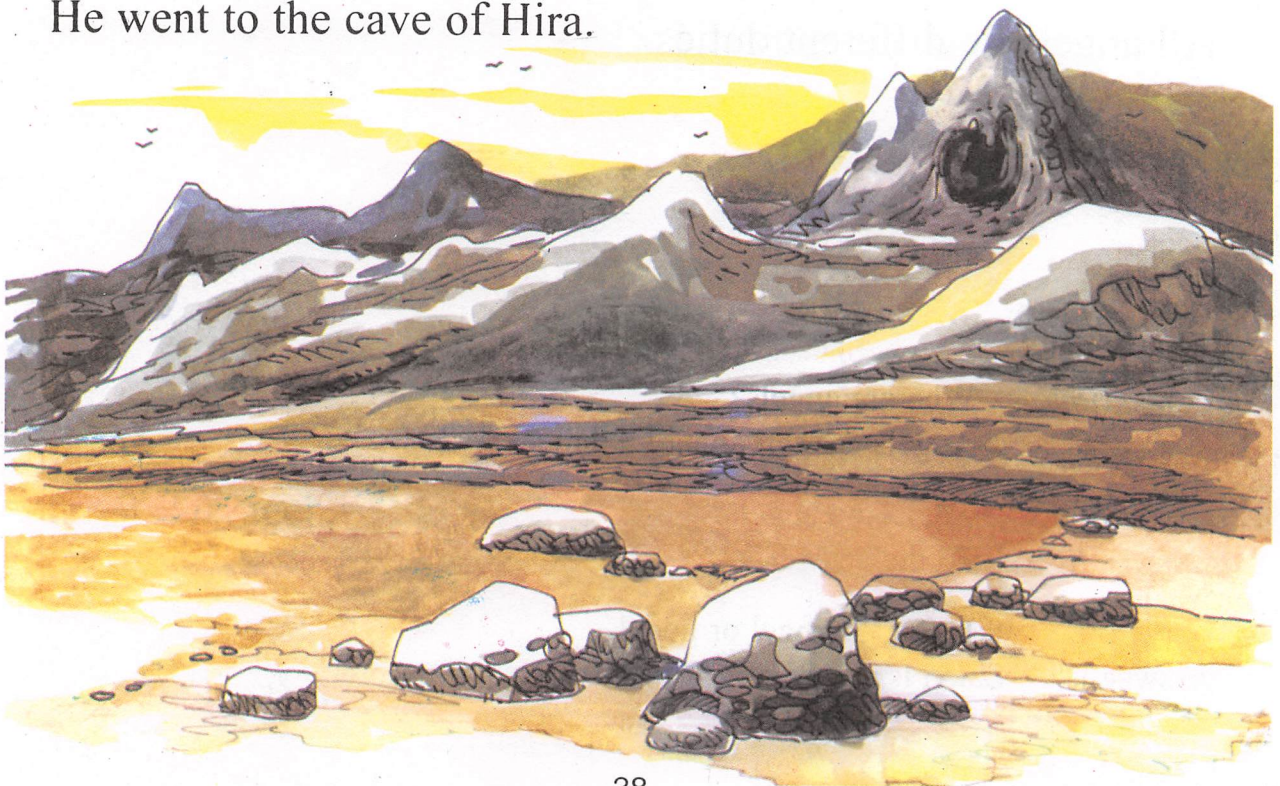
The priest at once knew that the boy would become a prophet one day.

At the age of 25, this young man married a woman named Khadeejah.

She was a noble woman.

She helped him very much. This young man went to the mountains.

He went to the cave of Hira.



There he prayed to Allah to guide him.

One day, an angel came to him in that cave and said “read.”

The man said that he could not read.

Again and again the angel said “read”.

The man started repeating the angel’s words.

This word “read” or *Iqra* was the first word of the Quran.

The angel was Gibraeel (A.S.).

The man was Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

From that day, the angel brought to him the Quran little by little from Allah.

He was made a prophet at the age of 40.

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) got the message of Allah and gave it to the people. He was a Messenger. He is a true guide and teacher for all of us.

We are lucky to be his followers.

QUESTION : Who was the little boy of Hejaz?

ANSWER : Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) was the little boy of Hejaz.

QUESTION : Would you like to live as the Prophet (S.A.W.) lived?

ANSWER : Yes, I would like to live as the Prophet (S.A.W.) lived.

22. THE SAHABAH

Who were the *Sahabah*?

The *Sahabah* were the companions of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

They were very good people.

They obeyed Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.).

They were his faithful friends.

They would compete with each other to obey his orders first.

The *Sahabah* were from different places.

Some of the famous *Sahabah* were:

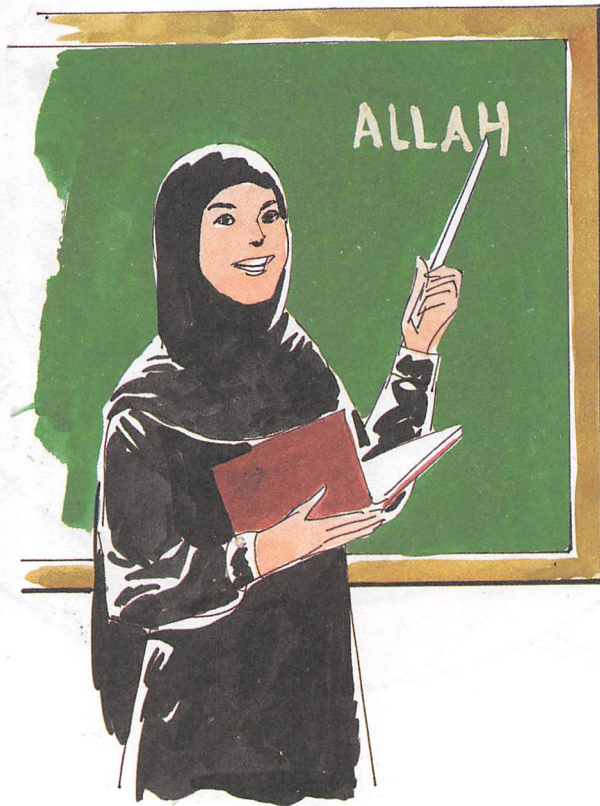
1. Abu Bakr (R.A.)
2. Umar (R.A.)
3. Usman (R.A.)
4. Ali (R.A.)
5. Bilal (R.A.)
6. Hamza (R.A.)
7. Salman Farsi (R.A.)

QUESTION : Who were the *Sahabah*?

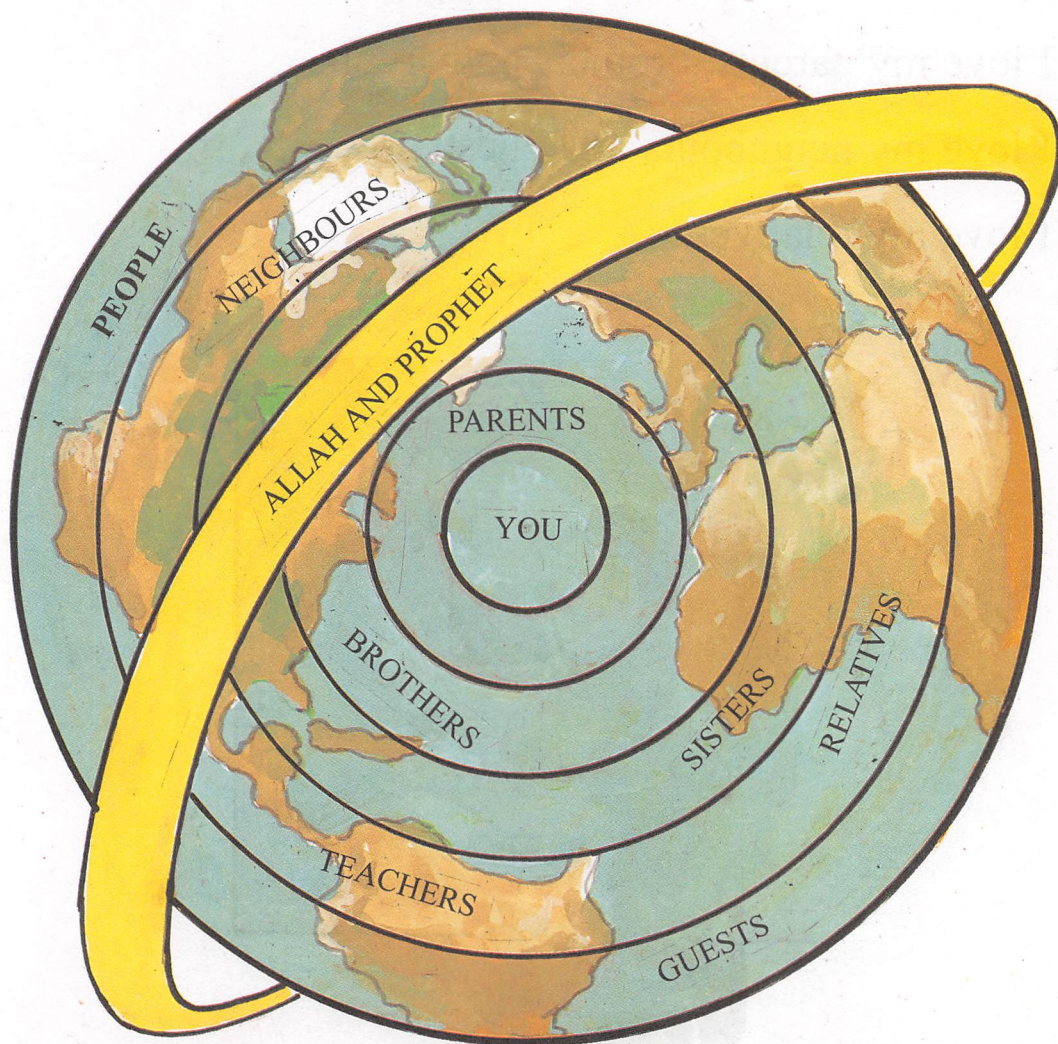
ANSWER : The *Sahabah* were the companions of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

23. WHOM DO I LOVE MOST?

1. I love my parents, brothers and sisters.
2. I love my neighbours and guests.
3. I love my relatives.



4. I love my teachers.
5. I love all good people.
6. I love Allah and Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) most.



I LOVE ALLAH AND THE PROPHET (S.A.W.) MOST.

I love them more than I love anyone else.

QUESTION : Whom do you love most?

ANSWER : I love Allah and Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) most.

24. YOUR PARENTS

Allah has given you a lovely family.

You have your mother, your father, your brothers and your sisters.

You have your grandmother and grandfather.



You must love all of them.

Your mother and father are your parents.

Respect your parents. Treat them nicely.

Serve them well.

Thank your parents for what they are doing for you.

Keep your parents happy by your good work, sweet words, smiles and manners.

Obey them. Do as they say even if you don't like to do it.

Do not answer them back rudely.

Do not speak loudly to them.

Speak in a low voice to your parents.

Take their permission before doing anything.

Ask them to help you. Ask for their advice.



They know more than you.

Love your parents and they will love you.

Give them small gifts.

Pray to Allah for your mother and father. Ask Allah to bless and forgive them.

Even if your parents are not Muslims, even if they are not good Muslims, treat them very well.

Obey your parents. Do not say a word against them. If they tell you to do something which is unIslamic, do not obey them but treat them well.

Serve your parents as much as you can.

If you have a step-mother, treat her as your own mother.

Love and obey her.

Heaven lies under your mother's feet. So love and serve her well.

Your grandmother and grandfather are parents of your parents. So respect them and obey them. They know more than you know. They tell you so many good stories. Love, respect and serve them well.

Treat your brothers and sisters with love and respect. Do not fight with them. Help them in their work. Play with them. Do not leave your small brothers and sisters alone. Do not let them go out alone. Give small gifts to them.



Sit with respect in front of your parents. Give them medicine and make them comfortable when they are ill.

There are some children who do not have parents.

Be kind to such children. Help them. Give them the things they need.

Be kind to your servants. Treat them well.

Respect and serve the friends and relatives of your parents.

Activity:

Make a beautiful card of chart paper. Stick a real flower on it. Write the following words on it :

“Dear Mother and Father!

Thank you very much for all that you have done for me. I love and respect you. I will always obey you.”

Cover the card with transparent plastic. Put a red ribbon in a corner. Gift it to your parents.

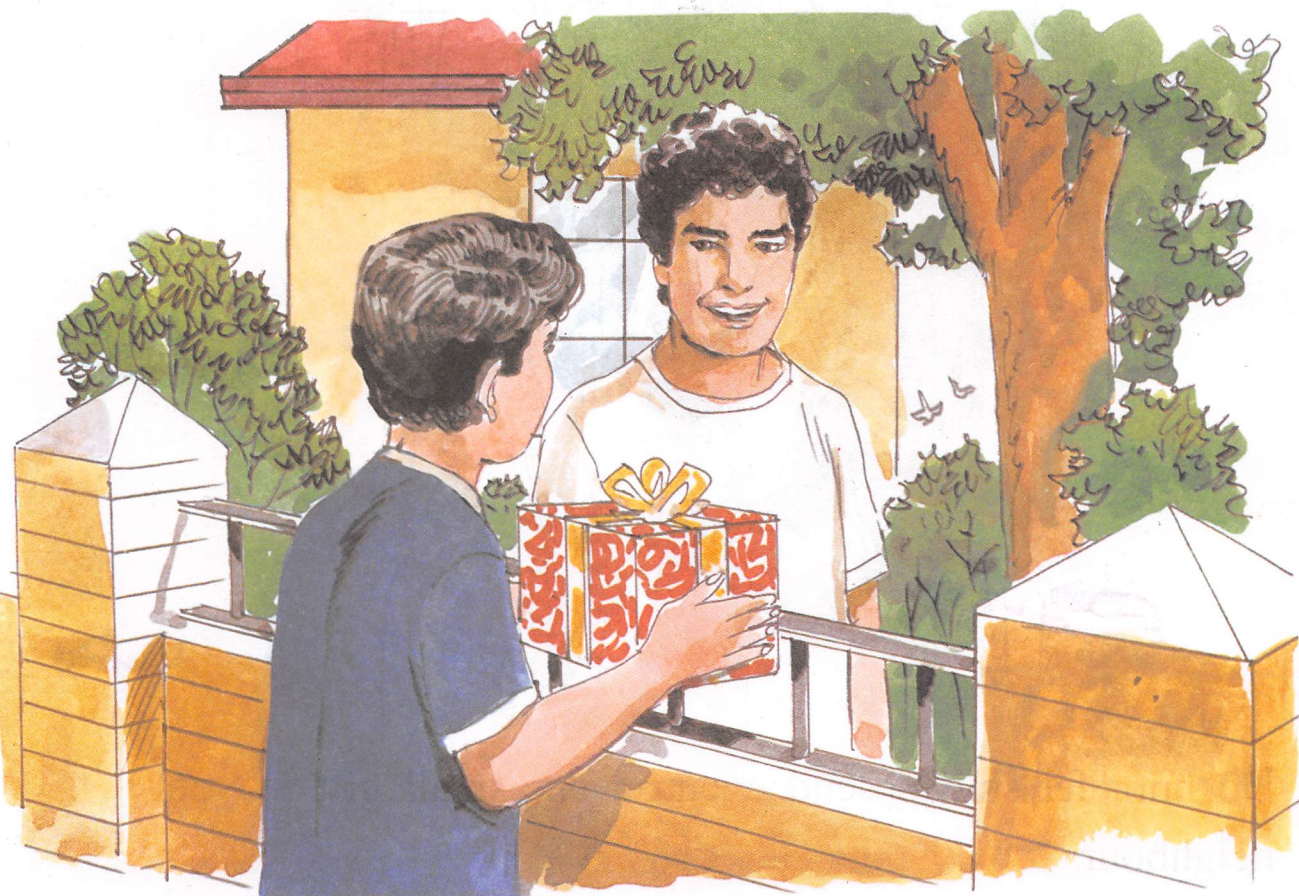
25. YOUR NEIGHBOURS

There are some people who do not stay in your house but they are very important.

They are your neighbours.

You must be kind to them.

Love your neighbours.



Treat them like your own family-people.

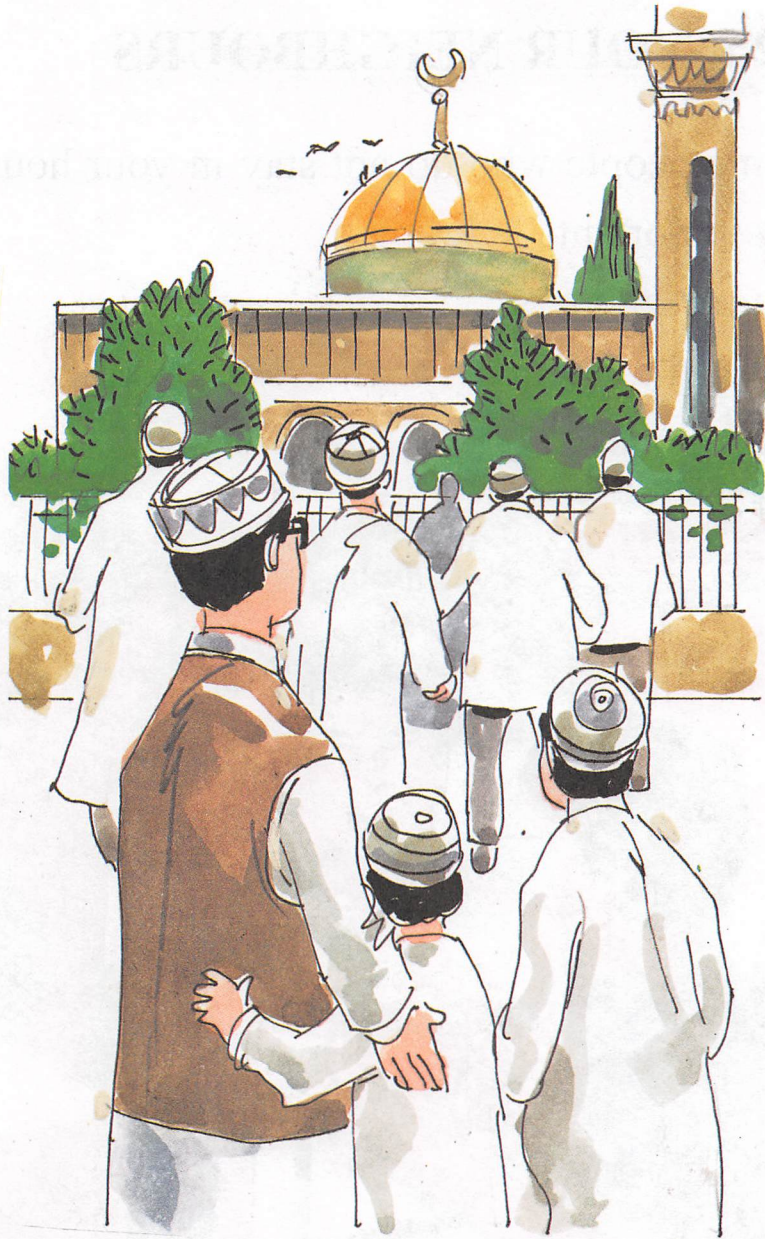
Send them gifts and food.

Help them in every way.

Invite them to your house.

Go to meet them often.

Help your neighbour even if he is a non-Muslim.



Do not feel shy to send even a very small gift to your neighbour.

Take special care of your neighbour when he is ill, sad or alone.

Remember, your neighbour is also your good friend.

QUESTION : What will you do if your neighbour is ill?

ANSWER : I will visit him. I will give him food and medicine.

26. YOUR TEACHER

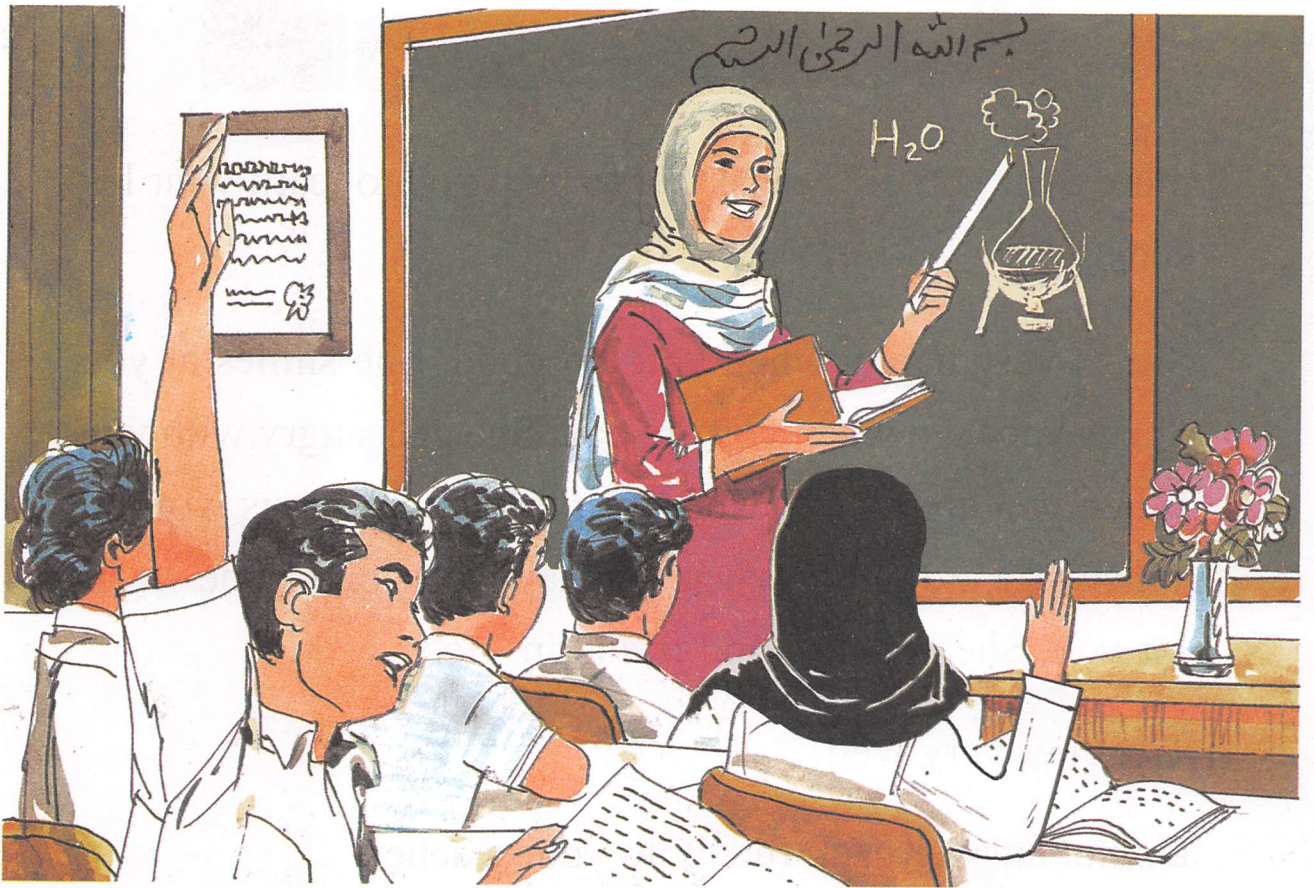
Who is your teacher?

Your teacher is a very good person. She is a good Muslim.

She teaches you to be a good Muslim.

She tells you wonderful stories.

She plays with you.



Your teacher is very kind. She loves you. She helps you in your work.

She teaches you new things everyday.

She is most wonderful. You must respect her. She is like your mother. You must respect and obey her. She knows



more than you do. So ask her to help you to learn your lessons.

She is very happy when you are good. She smiles at you. She is very sad when you are bad. She gets angry with you. When you are hurt or when you fall down, she is worried. When you are sad or when you have a problem, she weeps for you. She is your good friend in life.

Treat her very well.

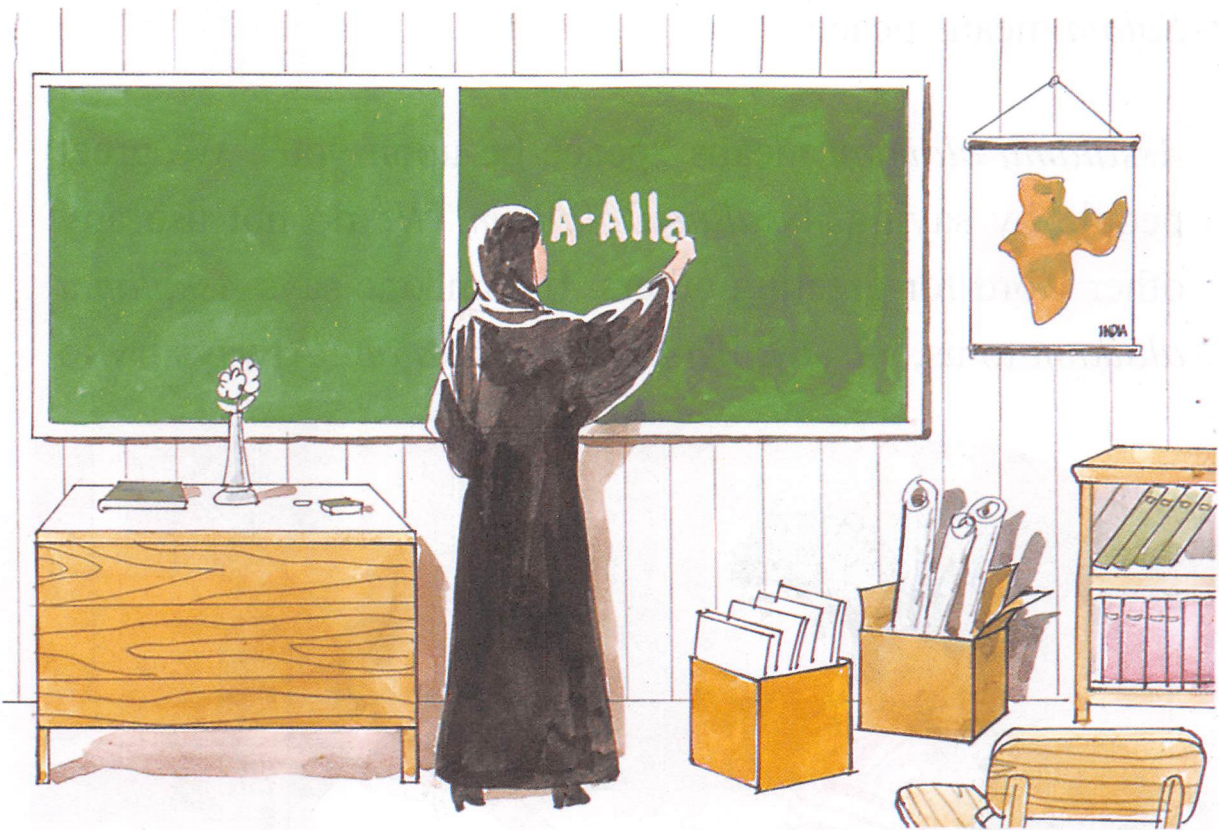
Do not answer back rudely to your teacher.

You can make your teacher happy by studying well and by being good.

Respect her in the school.

Respect her outside the school.

Respect her whenever you meet her in life.



Our Prophet (S.A.W.) was also a teacher. He was the best teacher. He taught us how to be good. The best teacher is one who is like the Prophet (S.A.W.) in his/her ways.

Greet your teachers with *Salam* whenever you meet them.

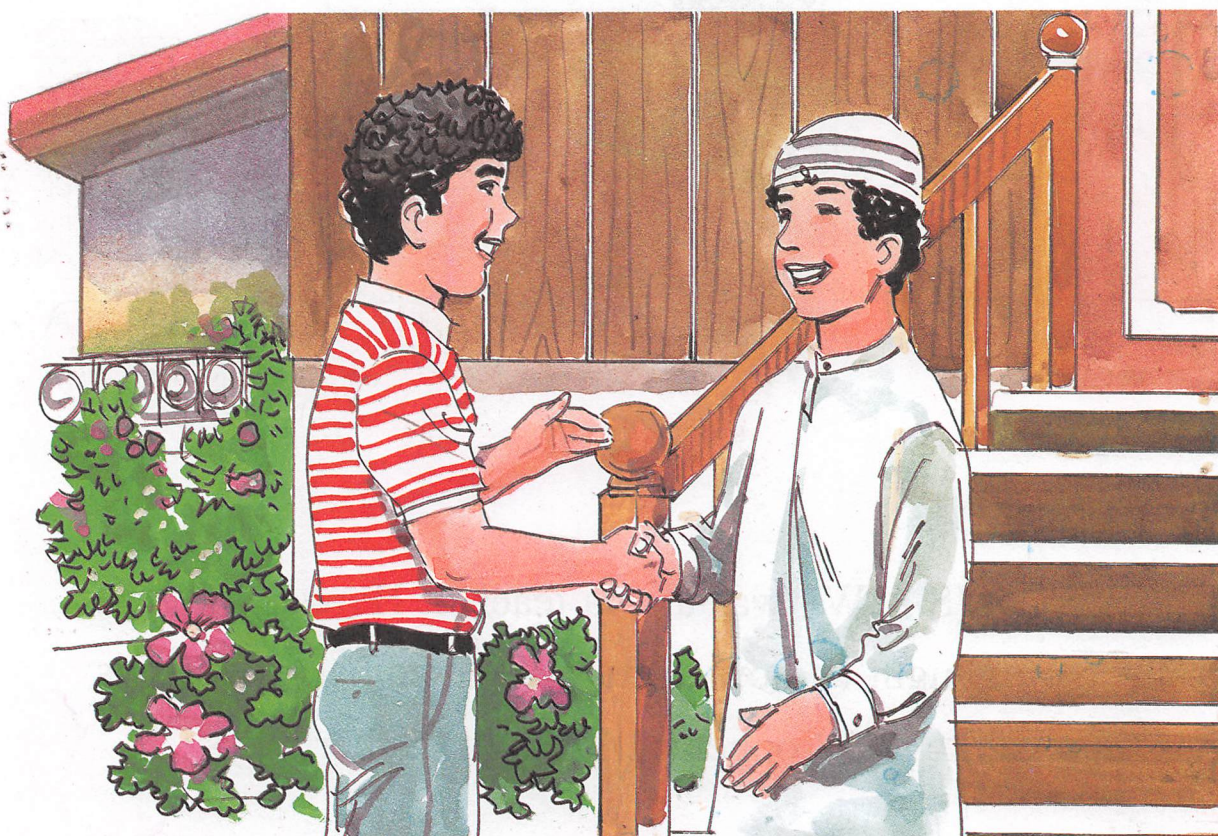
QUESTION : Why must you respect and obey your teacher?

ANSWER : I must respect and obey my teacher because she teaches me how to live.

27. HOW TO GREET

Salam means peace.

Assalamu alaikum means “peace be upon you”. We greet people by saying *Assalamu alaikum*. We do not use any other word for greeting others. If someone says *Assalamu alaikum* to us, we say, *Wa-alaikumus-salam*. Always try to



greet first. When you enter the house and when you leave the house, say *Assalamu alaikum*.

When you enter a room and when you leave a room say *Assalamu alaikum*.

Do not stand up in honour of someone. Our Prophet (S.A.W.) did not like this.

Do not start talking before saying *Assalamu alaikum*. If someone starts talking before saying *Assalamu alaikum*, you must say *Assalamu alaikum* first.

We can even greet Muslims who are strangers.

We can also greet non-Muslims.

If two friends fight with each other, it is a bad thing. The best way to be friendly again is to say *Assalamu alaikum* to each other.

Greet others very cheerfully and happily with a smile.

In a gathering, greet everyone in general.

You can shake hands after greeting.

QUESTION : Which is the best way to begin talking?

ANSWER : The best way to begin talking is to say *Assalamu alaikum*.

28. OUR FOOD

Food is a gift from Allah.

We eat food to get energy. We use this energy to do good work.

We must eat food properly.



Dear children, eat on time. Do not eat all day.

Do not over-eat. Eat as much as you need.

Do not eat very hot and spicy food.

Eat simple food.

Your food must have vitamins. Milk, meat, dates and honey are very nourishing and delicious.

Before eating wash your hands.

Say *Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem* before eating.

What does it mean?

It means that we begin in the name of Allah the Gracious the Merciful.

We must not eat food on which some name other than Allah's name has been recited.

Eat with your right hand. Do not use a spoon for eating solids.

Eat with three fingers. Do not soil your fingers fully.

Eat with the upper part of fingers.

Form small morsels. Do not eat large morsels.

Do not eat fast. Eat slowly. Chew the food well.

If food drops from your hand on a clean place, pick it, clean or wash it and eat it.

When you eat pieces of fruit, take one piece at a time. Do not shake or toss bread or *chapatti*. Do not wipe your fingers on bread, *chapatti* or on your dress. Wipe your hands with a napkin.

Eat from your side of the plate and not from the centre.

Do not talk much when you eat. Always sit when you eat food or drink water.

Drink water in three gulps. Say *Bismillah* before drinking

water and *Alhamdu-lil-lah* after drinking water.

After eating, lick your finger-tips and wash your hands.

After eating, thank or praise Allah by saying this:



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا وَجَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

Alhamdu-lilla-hil-lazi at-amana wa saqana wa ja-a-lana minal muslimeen.

It means:

“Praise be for Allah who has given us food and drink and who has created us amongst Muslims.”

QUESTION : Why is food a gift of Allah?

ANSWER : Food is a gift of Allah because it gives us energy to do good deeds.

29. HOW ARE YOU?

When do we say “How are you”?

We say this when we talk to someone.

We begin talking by first saying

Assalamu alaikum.

Then, we ask him, “How are you?”



We talk to him. How must we talk?

We must always tell the truth.

We must never tell lies.

We must not talk much. Talk less.

We must not talk fast.

We must talk slowly and clearly.

We must not talk in the class.

We must talk about good and useful things only.

We must not talk about bad things.

We must not waste time.

Dear children, never use bad words. Even if you are angry, do not use bad words. When you are angry, sit down silently. Then drink water. Then go and do ablution. If you feel that a fight may break out, go away from there. Do not fight. Stop others from fighting. Talk sweetly. Talk with a smile.

Never speak ill of others. It is called backbiting. It is a sin. Do not laugh at others. Do not make fun of others. Do not taunt others. Talk to elders with respect. Talk to children with love.



If some one fights with you, say *Assalamu alaikum* and walk away.

Never point your finger at anyone while talking.

Do not whisper into anyone's ear.

Do not hide and listen to others.



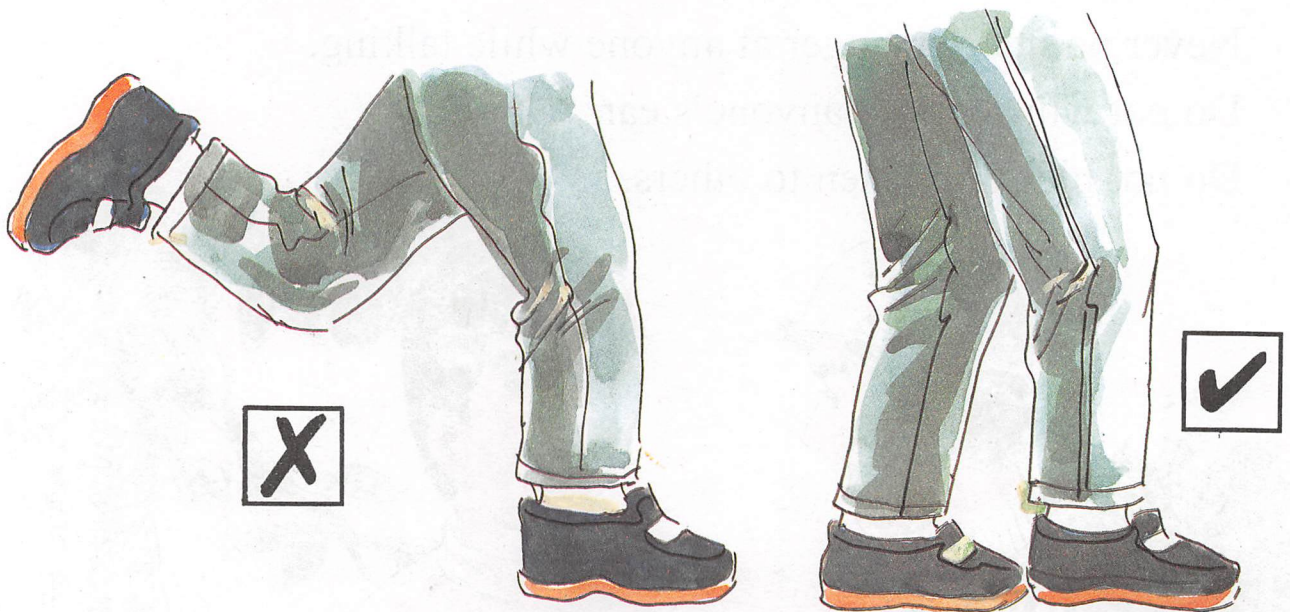
Talk less. Listen more

Do *Zikr*. Remember Allah. Silently, repeat good words like *Kalimah*, *Subhanallah*, *Alhamdu-lil-lah*, *Allahu Akbar*, *Astagh-firullah*.

QUESTION : Everyone likes a person who speaks nicely. Is this right?

ANSWER : Yes, everyone likes a person who speaks nicely.

30. HOW TO WALK



Do not run about on the road or pavement.

Walk slowly, decently with full strength. Do not drag your feet. Lift your feet when you walk.

Do not walk on the road. Walk on the pavement. Be alert when you walk. Before crossing the road, look to your left and then look to your right. If there are no vehicles on the road, cross the road carefully. If there are vehicles on the road, wait for them to pass. Then you may cross the road. Do not throw waste paper on the roads. Put it in the dust bin or carry it back home. Do not walk without shoes or sandals.

Do not go out alone. At least two people must be with you when you go out.

If you see a stone, a branch, a bottle or a tin lying in the middle of the road, remove it to the side.

If you see a Muslim on the road or in the market, say *Assalamu alaikum* to him or her.

Do not stare at people.



Help the old, the blind and the sick to cross the road.

Do not talk to strangers.

Do not go anywhere with strangers even if they give you gifts or sweets.

Do not stay out without work. Return home quickly after finishing your work. When you get out, put your right foot out first and say this prayer:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

*Bismil-lahi Tawakkalto-alal-lah. La-howla
wa-la-Quwwata-illa-billah.*

QUESTION : Is it important to follow rules on the road while walking?

ANSWER : Yes, it is important to follow rules on the road because we all like good manners.

31. BED TIME

Dear children, if you sleep well you will be healthy and wise. Here are a few secrets of staying healthy. Sleep early so that you can wake up early in the morning.

Do not stay awake needlessly after *Isha salat*.



Before sleeping, clean your bed and bedsheets, then do the ablution. Now put *surma/kohl* in your eyes. Do not put oily things like creams on your face and hands at night. Say *Fi-amanillah* to everyone at home.

After that recite *Surah Ikhlas*, *Surah Falaq*, *Surah Nas* and *Aayat-ul-Kursi*. Then recite the *Salawat* and *Kalimah*. If you are not yet 10 years old, you may sleep with your parents. If you are 10 years old or older, sleep in a separate place.

Before sleeping, think about how you spent the day. Did you pray well? Did you study well today?

Put out all lights, fire, candles and heaters before sleeping. Close all door before sleeping. Sleep in an airy room which has a window.

Do not cover your face with a bedsheet or quilt even if it is very cold. Keep the nose and mouth uncovered so that you can breathe well.

Now, turn to your right side and put your right hand under your right cheek. That is a good way to sleep. Do not sleep near a parapet. You may fall. Do not feel afraid. If you feel afraid, recite the *Surahs* which you know. Recite *Aayatal-Kursi* and do *Zikr*. Then, you will not feel afraid. If you cannot sleep, do *Zikr*. Remember Allah. You will be able to sleep.

Talk to Allah in bed. Tell him how much you love Him. Say 'Thank you' to Him for everything you have.

When you wake up, say the *Kalimah*. Then, say this prayer:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

*Al-hamdu-lil-la-hil-lazi ah yaana bada maa ama tana
wa-ilai-hin-nushoor.*

QUESTION : What will you recite before sleeping?

ANSWER : Find out.

QUESTION : Whom will you talk to in bed?

ANSWER : I will talk to Allah in bed.

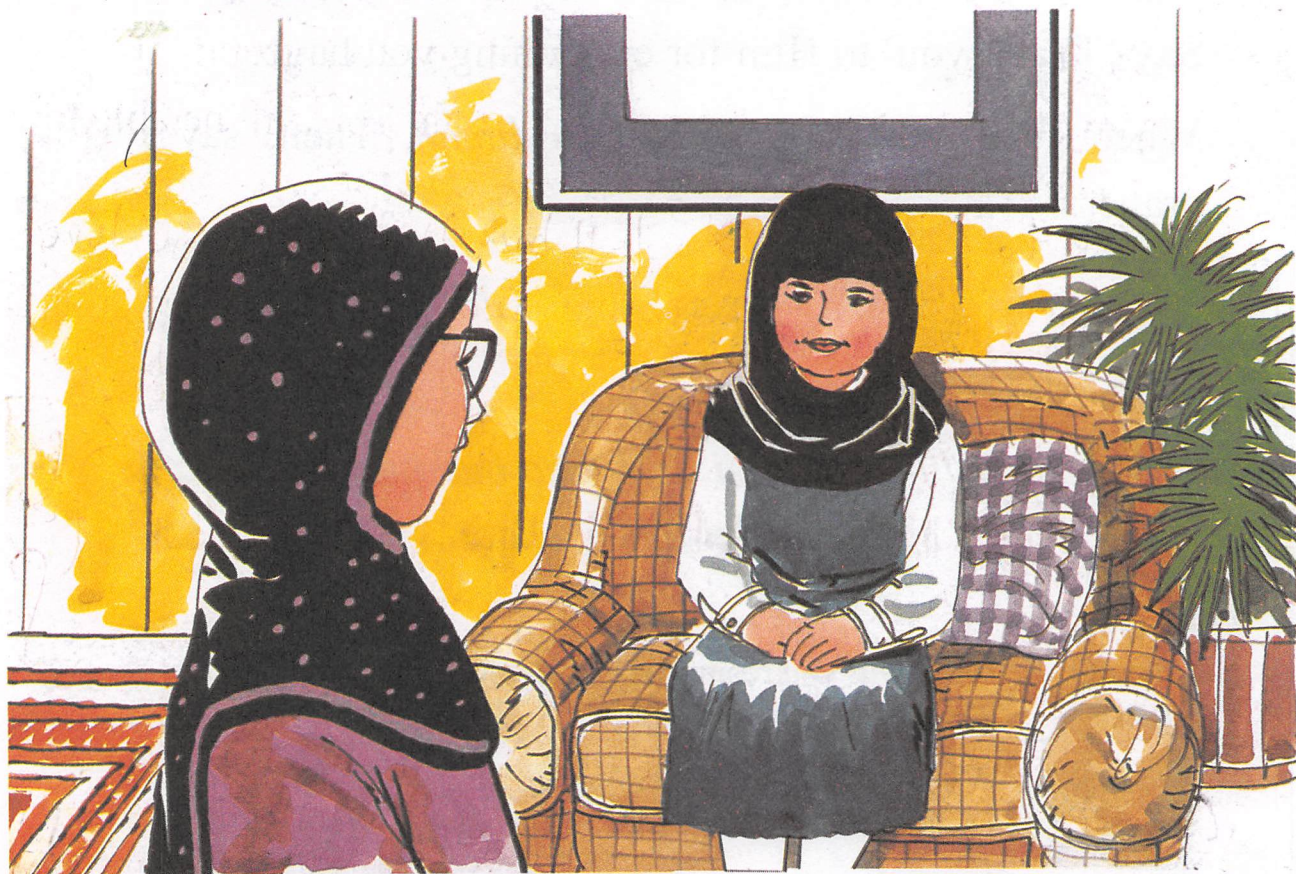
32. GOOD MANNERS

Good manners are very important for a child. You will be good if you keep the company of good people. So, always remain with good people. Do not sit with bad people. When people get together, it is called a gathering.

In a gathering, be happy and cheerful. When you enter or leave a gathering, you must say *Assalamu alaikum*.

Do not make faces. Do not wink or point at another person when you talk. In a gathering, do not sit in the middle of everyone.

Do not sit on a high seat. Sit where you get place. Do not ask another person to give his seat to you. Do not take



someone's seat.

Do not speak out of turn. Listen with attention when someone is speaking. Sit properly in a gathering. Keep your hands in place. Keep the legs together. Do not spread your hands and legs.

Do not speak when someone else is speaking.

Begin a meeting by reciting the Quran. At the end of a meeting, there must be a prayer (*Dua*).

QUESTION : Does everyone love a person with good manners?

ANSWER : Yes, everyone loves a person with good manners.



33. OUR GUEST

It is nice to have a guest. A guest visits us with so much love.

We too must treat him with respect and love.

We must be happy to meet him. We must welcome the guest with a smile, greet him and ask him to sit.



We must inquire about his welfare.

We must make the guest comfortable.

Offer sweet drinks and food to your guest.

Make yourself busy in taking care of your guest.

Do not let anyone insult your guest.

Serve your guest yourself. Do not let the servants serve him.



If it is prayer-time, give him the prayer-mat and show him the direction of the *Kabah*. Help him to wash his hands before and after eating food. If your guest says something bad to you, you must not say anything bad to him.

Respect your guest.

QUESTION : How must you treat your guest?

ANSWER : I must treat my guest with love and respect. I must offer him food and sweet drinks.

34. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION : Who are you?

ANSWER : I am a Muslim.

QUESTION : Who is a Muslim?

ANSWER : A Muslim is one who obeys Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.).

QUESTION : Who made you?

ANSWER : Allah made me.

QUESTION : What is your religion?

ANSWER : Islam is my religion.

QUESTION : Who is your Prophet (S.A.W.)?

ANSWER : Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) is my prophet.

QUESTION : Recite the *Kalimah*.

ANSWER : *La-Ilaha-Il-lal-lah Muhammadur rasoolullah.*

QUESTION : What does the *Kalimah* mean?

ANSWER : The *Kalimah* means:
“There is no God but Allah. Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”

QUESTION : How many gods are there?

ANSWER : There is only One God.

QUESTION : Which is your holy book?

ANSWER : The Quran is my holy book.

QUESTION : What is the Quran?

ANSWER : The Quran is a book of guidance from Allah.

- QUESTION : To whom was the Quran revealed?
ANSWER : The Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).
- QUESTION : For whom is the Quran?
ANSWER : The Quran is for everyone.
- QUESTION : What must you say when you meet someone?
ANSWER : I must say *Assalamu alaikum*.
- QUESTION : What must you say when someone says *Assalamu alaikum*?
ANSWER : I must say *Wa-alaikum assalam*.
- QUESTION : What do you say when you begin some work?
ANSWER : I say *Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Raheem* when I begin some work.
- QUESTION : What do you say when you sneeze?
ANSWER : I say *Alhamdulillah* when I sneeze.
- QUESTION : What do you say in reply when someone says *Alhamdulillah* upon sneezing?
ANSWER : I say *Yar-hamu-kullah* in reply.
- QUESTION : What do you say when you hear good news?
ANSWER : I say *Subhanallah* when I hear good news.
- QUESTION : What do you say when you are in trouble?
ANSWER : I say *Ya-Allah* when I am in trouble.
- QUESTION : What do you say when you praise something?
ANSWER : I say *Masha-Allah* when I praise something.

QUESTION : What do you say when you repent?

ANSWER : I say *Astagh firul-lah* when I repent.

QUESTION : What do you say when you bid farewell?

ANSWER : I say *Fi-amanallah* when I bid farewell.

QUESTION : What do you say when you thank someone?

ANSWER : I say *Jazakallah* or 'thank you' when I thank someone.

QUESTION : What do you say when you sleep?

ANSWER : I recite *Surah-Nas, Surah-Ikhlās, Surah-Falaq, Salawat* and *Kalimah*.

QUESTION : How will you eat?

ANSWER : Before eating, I will wash my hands, say *Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Raheem* and eat with my right hand. I will eat with three fingers. I will eat slowly.

QUESTION : What will you say after eating?

ANSWER : I will say:
Alhamdu-lil-lahillazi at-amana wa saqana wa ja alana minal muslimmeen.

QUESTION : How will you drink water?

ANSWER : I will sit and drink water slowly in three gulps. I will say *Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Raheem* before drinking and *Alhamdu-lil-lah* after drinking.

QUESTION : How will you behave with your parents?

ANSWER : I will behave humbly. I will love, respect, obey and serve my parents. I will not talk

loudly in front of them.

QUESTION : How should you talk?

ANSWER : I should talk clearly and slowly. I must not shout.

QUESTION : How will you walk?

ANSWER : I will walk slowly and decently with full strength. I will lift my feet while walking. I will not drag my feet.

QUESTION : How will you sleep?

ANSWER : I will clean my bed. I will do *Wudu* or ablution, recite *Surah Nas*, *Ikhlas*, *Falaq*, *Salawat* and *Kalimah*. Then I will sleep on my right side with the right hand under my right cheek. I will not cover my nose and mouth.

QUESTION : What is the meaning of *Bismillahir Rahamanir Raheem*?

ANSWER : It means: "In the Name of Allah the Gracious, the Merciful."

QUESTION : What does *Allahu Akbar* mean?

ANSWER : *Allahu Akbar* means "Allah is Great."

QUESTION : What is Islam?

ANSWER : Islam means peace and obedience to Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.).

QUESTION : What is a *Hadees*?

ANSWER : A *Hadees* means a saying of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

- QUESTION : What is *Iman*?
- ANSWER : *Iman* means faith in Allah and acceptance of Islam.
- QUESTION : What is *Dua*?
- ANSWER : *Dua* means a supplication to Allah.
- QUESTION : Why was the Prophet (S.A.W.) called *Sadiq* and *Ameen*?
- ANSWER : The Prophet (S.A.W.) was called *Sadiq* and *Ameen* because he was truthful and trust worthy.
- QUESTION : What were the names of the Prophet's (S.A.W). parents?
- ANSWER : Amina and Abdullah.
- QUESTION : What are good deeds?
- ANSWER : Good deeds mean good work.
- QUESTION : Can you collect good deeds?
- ANSWER : Yes, we can collect good deeds. Angels record our good deeds.
- QUESTION : How must you behave with your guest?
- ANSWER : I must welcome my guest happily with a smile, greet him, ask him to sit, offer him food and sweet drinks and talk to him with respect.
- QUESTION : How must you treat your neighbour?
- ANSWER : I must love and help my neighbour. I must send food to him and teach him good things.
- QUESTION : How must you treat your teacher?
- ANSWER : I must respect and obey my teacher.

QUESTION : How will you stay clean?

ANSWER : I will take a bath everyday. I will brush my teeth and cut my nails. I will wear clean clothes.

QUESTION : How will you treat your brothers, sisters and friends?

ANSWER : I will be kind and helpful to my brothers, sisters and friends. I will not fight with them.

QUESTION : What will you do to keep your eyes clean and beautiful?

ANSWER : I will wash them with water in cupped-hands and put *surma/kohl* in them thrice before sleeping.

QUESTION : What are the 7 basic beliefs of a Muslim?

ANSWER : A Muslim believes in:

1. One God
2. The Angels
3. The books of Allah
4. The Prophets
5. Day of Judgement
6. Destiny
7. Life after death

QUESTION : Who is a prophet?

ANSWER : A prophet is a messenger of Allah. He is a teacher who guides us.

- QUESTION : Which is the best gift of Allah to us?
ANSWER : Islam is the best gift of Allah to us.
- QUESTION : What is the early morning prayer called?
ANSWER : The early morning prayer is called the *Fajr* prayer.
- QUESTION : What is the afternoon prayer called?
ANSWER : The afternoon prayer is called the *Zuhr* prayer.
- QUESTION : What is the late afternoon prayer called?
ANSWER : The late afternoon prayer is called the *Asr* prayer.
- QUESTION : What is the evening prayer called?
ANSWER : The evening prayer is called the *Maghrib* prayer.
- QUESTION : What is the night prayer called?
ANSWER : The night prayer is called the *Isha* prayer.
- QUESTION : Can you be a good Muslim without praying five times a day?
ANSWER : No, I cannot be a good Muslim without praying five times a day.
- QUESTION : How can you be good?
ANSWER : I can be good by doing the following deeds:
1. -by obeying Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.)
2. -by praying well.
3. -by loving and obeying my parents.
4. -by reading and following the Quran.

5. -by not fighting with anyone.
6. -by staying clean.
7. -by reading my lesson well.
8. -by saying *Assalamu Alaikum* to everyone.
9. -by reciting the *Kalimah* when I wake up and when I sleep.
10. -by saying "Please" and *Jazakallah*, or thank you when I talk.
11. -by being kind and helpful to everyone.
12. -by loving my neighbour.

QUESTION : Who is Allah?

ANSWER : Allah is the One and Only God.

QUESTION : What else do you know about Allah?

ANSWER : Allah is One. He is All-Powerful. He is our Master. He has no partner, son or family.

QUESTION : Who made everything?

ANSWER : Allah made everything.

QUESTION : Whom must we worship?

ANSWER : We must worship Allah only.

QUESTION : Give the meanings of *Iman*, *Kufr*, *Aamaal*, *Malaikah*, *Akhirah*, *Jannat*, *Jahannam*, *Wudu*, *Taharah*, *Azan*, *Takbir*, *Tilawat*, *Quran*, *Taqwa*.

ANSWER : Read lesson 3 and answer the question.

QUESTION : Recite the *Adan*. What does it mean?

ANSWER : Read lesson 7 and answer the questions.

QUESTION : What does prayer give us?

ANSWER : Prayer gives us peace.

QUESTION : When do we offer the *Fajr*, *Zuhr*, *Asr*, *Maghrib*, and *Isha* prayers?

ANSWER : Read lesson 9 and try to answer the question.

QUESTION : How many *Fard rakats* are there in the *Fajr*, *Zuhr*, *Asr*, *Maghrib* and *Isha* prayer?

ANSWER : The *Fajr* prayer has 2 *rakats*. The *Zuhr* prayer has 4 *rakats*. The *Asr* prayer has 4 *rakats*. The *Maghrib* prayer has 3 *rakats*. The *Isha* prayer has 4 *rakats*.

QUESTION : What does the Quran give us?

ANSWER : The Quran gives us guidance, peace and happiness.

QUESTION : For whom is the Quran?

ANSWER : The Quran is for everyone.

QUESTION : Recite the five *Kalimahs* and try to give their meanings.

ANSWER : Read Lesson 11 for the answer.

QUESTION : What is the *Kalimah*?

ANSWER : The *Kalimah* is an article of faith.

QUESTION : Must we say *Salawat* for the Prophet (S.A.W.)?

ANSWER : Yes, we must say *Salawat* for the Prophet (S.A.W.).

QUESTION : Recite the *Salawat*. Give its meanings.

ANSWER : Read Lesson 12 for the answer.

QUESTION : Which are the 2 festivals of the Muslims?
ANSWER : *Eid-ul-Fitr* and *Eid-ul-Adha* are the 2 festivals of the Muslims.

QUESTION : Why do we celebrate *Eid-ul-Fitr*?
ANSWER : We celebrate *Eid-ul-Fitr* to say “Thanks” to Allah for giving us the Quran.

QUESTION : Why do we celebrate *Eid-ul-Adha*?
ANSWER : We celebrate *Eid-ul-Adha* to remember the sacrifice of Prophets Ibraheem (A.S.) and Ismail (A.S.).

QUESTION : Give the names of the months of the Islamic calendar.
ANSWER : Read Lesson 14 for the answer.

QUESTION : Name some of the Prophets of Allah.
ANSWER : Some of the Prophets were.

1. Prophet Adam (A.S.)
2. Prophet Nooh (A.S.)
3. Prophet Ibraheem (A.S.)
4. Prophet Ishaq (A.S.)
5. Prophet Ismail (A.S.)
6. Prophet Yaqub (A.S.)
7. Prophet Yusuf (A.S.)
8. Prophet Dawood (A.S.)
9. Prophet Sulaiman (A.S.)
10. Prophet Moosa (A.S.)
11. Prophet Eesa (A.S.)
12. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).

QUESTION : Name the well known books of Allah?
ANSWER : The *Sahifa*, the *Zaboor*, the *Taurah*, the *Injeel*, the *Quran*.

- QUESTION : To whom were these books given?
ANSWER : Read Lesson 16 and try to answer the question.
- QUESTION : What is *Ghaib*?
ANSWER : *Ghaib* means unseen thing like: *Jannat* (heaven), *Jahannam* (hell), *Aakhirat* (life after death), angels.
- QUESTION : Which are the two roads?
ANSWER : The two roads are the *Halal* road and the *Haram* road.
- QUESTION : Where do these roads lead to?
ANSWER : The *Halal* road leads to heaven. The *Haram* road lead to hell.
- QUESTION : Is *Halal* good? Is *Haram* bad?
ANSWER : *Halal* ways are good, *Haram* ways are bad.
- QUESTION : Which road must you walk on?
ANSWER : I must walk on the *Halal* road.
- QUESTION : What is *Taharah*?
ANSWER : *Taharah* means purification.
- QUESTION : Who made the angels?
ANSWER : Allah made the angels.
- QUESTION : Who are the angels?
ANSWER : Angels are the servants of Allah.
- QUESTION : Do angels have any power?
ANSWER : No, angels do not have any power. They are servants of Allah.

- QUESTION : Who brought Allah's message to the prophets?
ANSWER : The angels brought Allah's message to the prophets.
- QUESTION : Name some angels?
ANSWER : Some angels are:
Gibraeel, Izraeel, Israfeel, Mikaaeel (A.S.).
- QUESTION : Who brought the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.)?
ANSWER : Angel Gibraeel brought the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).
- QUESTION : Who is Satan?
ANSWER : Satan is our enemy.
- QUESTION : What is *Jahannam* or hell?
ANSWER : *Jahannam* or hell is a very bad place full of fire.
- QUESTION : What is *Jannat* or heaven?
ANSWER : *Jannat* or heaven is a wonderful place full of gardens and streams.
- QUESTION : Who was the good little boy called *Sadiq* and *Ameen* who grew up in Hejaz?
ANSWER : Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) grew up in Hejaz in Makkah.
- QUESTION : Who was the Prophet's (S.A.W.) uncle?
ANSWER : Abu Talib was the Prophet's (S.A.W.) uncle.
- QUESTION : Who was the Prophet's (S.A.W.) first wife?
ANSWER : *Ummul-Mumineen* Lady Khadeeja (R.A.) was the Prophet's (S.A.W.) first wife.

- QUESTION : What is the meaning of *Ummul-Mumineen*?
- ANSWER : *Ummul-Mumineen* means mother of the faithful.
- QUESTION : Where was the Quran first revealed?
- ANSWER : The Quran was first revealed in the cave of Hira to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).
- QUESTION : Who were the *Sahabah*?
- ANSWER : The *Sahabah* were the companions of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).
- QUESTION : Whom do you love most?
- ANSWER : I love Allah and the Prophet (S.A.W.) most.
- QUESTION : How will you treat your grandparents?
- ANSWER : I will love, respect and serve them.
- QUESTION : Will you throw waste paper on the road?
- ANSWER : No, I will not throw waste paper on the road or grounds. I will remove any stone, branch or any such thing from the road.
- QUESTION : Should you go with strangers?
- ANSWER : I must not go anywhere with strangers.
I must not take gifts from strangers.
- QUESTION : How must you behave in a gathering?
- ANSWER : I will not sit in the middle of a circle of people. I will sit wherever I get place. I will not speak out of turn. I will sit properly and cheerfully.

- QUESTION : For whose sake must we love our friends?
ANSWER : We must love our friends for the sake of Allah only.
- QUESTION : How must we treat our friends?
ANSWER : We must treat our friends politely and gently.
- QUESTION : How must we treat our enemies?
ANSWER : We must be firm yet gentle with enemies.
- QUESTION : If there is a fight what must you do?
ANSWER : I must admit my fault, say "Sorry" and stop fighting.
- QUESTION : What will you do if you are angry?
ANSWER : I will sit down or go away from that place, drink water and do ablution or *Wudu*.
- QUESTION : What kind of a gift must you give?
ANSWER : I must give a gift according to the other person's taste. The gift must not be costly. Our love makes it precious. Books, perfumes and flowers are good gifts.
- QUESTION : Must we obey Allah?
ANSWER : Yes, we must obey Allah.
- QUESTION : How do we obey Allah?
ANSWER : We obey Allah by accepting and following the Quran and the Prophet (S.A.W.).
- QUESTION : How can we get peace?
ANSWER : We can get peace by following Islam. Islam means peace.

QUESTION : How can we be successful?

ANSWER : We can be successful by following our MASTER, ALLAH.

QUESTION : For how many days must one entertain one's guest?

ANSWER : One must entertain a guest for three days.

QUESTION : For how many days must you stay in someone's house?

ANSWER : I must not stay for more than 3 days in anyone's house.

QUESTION : Name the 5 pillars of Islam?

ANSWER : The 5 pillars of Islam are : 1. *Shahadah* 2. *Salat* 3. *Zakat* 4. *Saum* 5. *Haj*

QUESTION : Give the meanings of the 5 pillars of Islam.

ANSWER : 1. *Shahadah* means declaration of faith by reciting the *Kalimah*.
2. *Salat* means praying 5 times a day.
3. *Zakat* means poor-due.
4. *Saum* means fasting during Ramadan.
5. *Haj* means pilgrimage to Makkah.

QUESTION : How must you behave when you go to someone's house?

ANSWER : I must greet and talk politely. I must not shout. I must sit properly. I must not look about the house. I must not touch anything.

QUESTION : Can you name some gifts of Allah?

ANSWER : Allah gives us many gifts like Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Sun, Moon, Fruits,

Chocolates, School, Teacher, Books, Sky, Rain, Food, Mosque, *Salat*, Toys, House, Prophet, Islam, Dress, Quran, Grandfather, Grandmother, Night, Day, Sleep.

QUESTION : What must you say after greeting someone?

ANSWER : We must say, "How are you?"

QUESTION : What must you say in answer when someone says "How are you?"

ANSWER : We must say *Alhamdu-lil-lah*, fine or thank you .

QUESTION : What must you say to your father, mother, brother, sister and everyone before sleeping?

ANSWER : We must say *Fi-amanillah* to everyone before sleeping.

QUESTION : What must you say when you succeed in any work?

ANSWER : We must say *Haza Min Fazle Rabbi* when we succeed.

QUESTION : Why did Allah make us?

ANSWER : Allah made us for 2 reasons:

- a) Allah made us so that we worship him.
- b) Allah made us so that He can test us and see if we obey him or not.

